

BOARD MEETINGS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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(LOCAL)

**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

On Agenda Items

At meetings, the Board shall hear individuals who desire to make comments to the Board on agenda items. Individuals who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up by completing the appropriate form on the District website, in person, or by sending an e-mail with this form as an attachment to the e-mail address listed on the form which must be received no later than 10:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

On Nonagenda
Items

At regular meetings, the Board shall allot approximately 20 minutes to hear individuals who desire to make comments to the Board on items not on the agenda. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up by completing the appropriate form on the District website, in person, or by sending an e-mail with this form as an attachment to the e-mail address listed on the form which must be received no later than 10:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Limitations on
Comments

No individual shall be allotted more than five minutes total in any meeting (including public comment on agenda and non-agenda items), and an individual's time may be further limited in the sole discretion of the Board President in the interest of time and efficiency or extended by a majority vote of the Board. No individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments. Individuals shall not mention any employee by name or position or include any personally identifiable references in their comments.

**Meeting
Management**

When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, deferring public comment on non-agenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. If multiple individuals are signed up to speak regarding the same non-agenda item topic, the presiding officer may require appointment of a delegate.

Board's Response

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The Board may consider

a proposal to place the subject of a public comment on the agenda of a subsequent meeting, in which case it may be discussed by the Board at the subsequent meeting.

**Complaints and
Concerns**

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG
- Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.